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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 09/057,313

Filing Date April 8, 1998

First Named Inventor McCown et al

Group Art Unit 3652

Examiner Name McAllister

Attorney Docket Number 033449-002

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 6/12/02
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on 6/12/02
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0809
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required (including the fee for any extension of time), or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Acct No.: 20-0809.
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 370.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
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Complete if Known

Application Number	09/057,313
Filing Date	April 8, 1998
First Named Inventor	McCown et al.
Examiner Name	McAllister
Group Art Unit	3652
Attorney Docket No.	033449-002

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- 1.
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

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Deposit Account Name	Thompson Hine LLP

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- Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

- 2.
- ☒
- Payment Enclosed:**

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130 205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50 227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130 139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520 147 2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 920* 112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840* 113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110 215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 400 216 200		Extension for reply within second month	
117 920 217 460		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440 218 720		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960 228 980		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320 219 160		Notice of Appeal	
120 320 220 160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280 221 140		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510 138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110 240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280 241 640		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280 242 640		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460 243 230		Design issue fee	
144 620 244 310		Plant issue fee	
122 130 122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50 123 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180 126 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40 581 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740 246 370		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740 249 370		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740 279 370		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	320.00
169 900 169 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 320.00)**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740 201 370		Utility filing fee	
106 330 206 165		Design filing fee	
107 510 207 255		Plant filing fee	
108 740 208 370		Reissue filing fee	
114 160 214 80		Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	X	
Independent Claims	- 3** =	X	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18 203 9		Claims in excess of 20
102 84 202 42		Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280 204 140		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84 209 42		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18 210 9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

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